

**Financial Qualifications**

## **9. FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Hughes Communications Inc. is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hughes Electronics Corporation (HE), a large aerospace, electronics manufacturing, and satellite communications company. HE, in turn, is an affiliate of General Motors Corporation (GM). As demonstrated in Appendix D, containing the consolidated financial statements of HE, HE has sufficient current assets to fund the construction, launch, and first-year operating costs of the Expressway<sup>TM</sup> satellite system.

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## 10. ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the technically qualified person responsible for preparation of the engineering information contained in this application, that I am familiar with Part 25 of the Commission's Rules, that I have either prepared or reviewed the engineering information submitted in this application, and that it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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## Certifications

## 11. WAIVER AND CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with Section 304 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 304, HCI hereby waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise.

HCI certifies that neither the Applicant nor any of its shareholders, nor any of its officers or directors, nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to authority granted in Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

The undersigned certifies individually and for HCI that all of the statements made in this Application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of his information, belief and knowledge, and are made in good faith.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Conclusion

## 12. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth in this Application, HCI respectfully requests that the Commission promptly grants this application to enable HCI to bring to the public the significant benefits described above at the earliest possible time.

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**Appendix A**  
**Transmission Characteristics**

## APPENDIX A: TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

Expressway™ link budget information is provided in Tables A-1a through A-

5. The RF communication links include the following: V-band, Ku-band area coverage, Ku-band 6° coverage, satellite telemetry, and satellite command. A user terminal uses a 2.5 meter antenna. The Satellite Control Facilities (SCF) use 7-meter antennas for telemetry and command.

In all cases, link budget calculations place a desired terminal at the satellite antenna beam edge. Rain attenuation effects are estimated based on the Crane Global rain model as described in the NASA Reference publication 1082(04) 1989, *Propagation Effects Handbook for Satellite Systems Design*. Atmospheric attenuation is estimated based on the ITU's Recommendation 676-2. Cloud attenuation is estimated based on the ITU's Recommendation 840-1 for an average cloud thickness of 2 km. The representative link budgets show calculations for a satellite placed at an orbital position of 101° W. The elevation angle to the satellite was determined for each of the cities shown. All cases show a positive margin at the indicated average link availability values.

Tables A-1a and A-1b contain the representative wideband data service links operating at V-band. Table A-1a shows a New York uplink to Boston downlink. Table A-1b shows a Los Angeles uplink to a New York downlink. In both cases, a user terminal uses a 2.5 meter antenna and a 30 W HPA. This results in uplink EIRPs of 71.3 dBW and 73.8 dBW in clear and rain conditions, respectively. The satellite minimum EIRP per each 155 Mbps carrier is 56 dBW. The link margin of

0.0 dB for clear-sky uplink and rainy downlink conditions indicates that the specified link availability objective can be met; the same is true for all link budgets presented in this Appendix.

Tables A-2a and A-2b contain link budgets for the Ku-band data service for the northern hemisphere using  $1^\circ \times 3^\circ$  elliptical beams. A New York uplink to Boston downlink is shown in Table A-2a as a representative case of higher link performance for a low rain rate region. A Miami uplink to Boston downlink is shown in Table A-2b as a representative case of a link in a challenging rain area.

The satellite minimum EIRP is 47.0 dBW for a single 155 Mbps carrier. An uplink terminal uses a 2.5 meter antenna with a 100 W HPA. This corresponds to an EIRP of 67.5 dBW for the clear sky condition and 68.5 dBW for the rain condition. The resulting link average availability depends on the location of interest (typically better than 99.70%).

Tables A-3a through A-3d contain link budgets for the Ku band data service for a  $6^\circ$  hemispherical beam from a  $101^\circ$  W orbital position. Tables A-3a and A-3b show Boston to Bogota, Colombia links as representative cases in a challenging rain area. Tables A-3c and A-3d show Los Angeles to Bogota links for higher performance in a low rain rate region. For the  $6^\circ$  hemispherical beam, the satellite minimum EIRP is 45.3 dBW. An uplink terminal uses a 2.5 meter antenna with a 200 W HPA. This corresponds to an EIRP of 69.5 dBW for the clear sky condition and 71.5 dBW for the rain condition.

Tables A-4 and A-5 contain the information regarding the satellite telemetry and command links. Dry geographical regions are selected along with favorable

elevation angles for satellite operational control facilities to provide high reliability TT&C links.



**Table A-2a Ku-Band - New York U/L to Boston D/L**

SUMMARY of Uplink Budget				SUMMARY of Downlink Budget			
	Clear	Rain	Units		Clear	Rain	Units
<b>Terminal Location:</b>	New York			Boston			
Site Elevation Angle	35.4		deg	32.5			deg
Site Altitude (ASL)	0.0		km	0.0			km
Frequency	13.0		GHz	11.0			GHz
Link Availability			%				%
Application Data Rate	155		Mbps	155			Mbps
<b>Station Transmitter Power</b>	100.0		W	25			W
Transmitter Pwr (dBW)	20.0		dBW	Sat. Transmit Power	14.0		dBW
Uplink Power Back-off	1		dB	Sat. HPA Backoff	0		dB
# of Amplified Carriers	1			# of Amplified Carriers	1		
Station Transmitter Losses	0.3		dBi	Transmitter Total losses	0.5		dBi
<b>Station Antenna Diameter</b>	2.50		m	Sat. Min. Ant. Gain	33.5		dBi
Station Peak Antenna Gain	48.8		dB	Total EIRP of D/L	47.0		dB
Operating EIRP per carrier	67.5		dBW	Operating EIRP/carrier	47.0		dBW
Space Loss	206.3		dB	Space Loss	205.0		dB
Atm. (Gas + Cloud) Att.	0.3		dB	Atm. (Gas + Cloud) Attenuation	0.3		dB
<b>Rain Attenuation</b>			dB	<b>Rain Attenuation</b>			dB
Pointing and Pol. Loss	0.4		dB	User Ant. Pointing Losses	0.4		dB
Sat. Antenna Gain	33.5		dB	Recvr. Antenna Gain	47.3		dB
System Noise Temp	365.1		K	System Noise Temp	94.5		K
System Noise Temp	25.6		dBK	System Noise Temp	19.8		dBK
<b>Satellite G/T</b>	7.4		dB/K	<b>Station G/T</b>	27.3		dB/K
Boltzmann's Constant	-228.6		dBW/K-Hz	Boltzmann's Constant	-228.6		dBW/K-Hz
Noise BW	83.0		dBHz	Noise BW	83.0		dBHz
C/N (Thermal)	13.3		dB	C/N (Thermal)	14.2		dB
<b>Total U/L C/I</b>	14.1			<b>Uplink Conditions</b>	clear	rain	clear
U/L C/(Io)		97.1	97.1	<b>Downlink Conditions</b>	clear	rain	clear
<b>Thermal U/L C/(No)</b>		96.3	93.7	U/L C/(No) (dB/Hz)	96.3	93.7	96.3
<b>Total D/L C/I</b>	10.1			U/L C/(Io) (dB/Hz)	97.1	97.1	97.1
D/L C/(Io)		93.1	93.1	U/L C/(No+Io) (dB/Hz)	93.7	92.1	93.7
<b>Thermal D/L C/(No)</b>		97.2	94.2	D/L C/(No) (dB/Hz)	97.2	97.2	94.2
Required Eb/No	6.5		dB	D/L C/(Io) (dB/Hz)	93.1	93.1	93.1
Effective Data Rate	174		Mbps	D/L C/(No+Io) (dB/Hz)	91.7	91.7	90.6
Data Rate (dB)	82.4		dB (bps)	Total C/(No+Io) (dB/Hz)	89.6	88.9	88.9
Required C/(No+Io)		88.9	88.9	Required C/No (dB/Hz)	88.9	88.9	88.9
				Margin (dB)	0.7	0.0	0.0

**Table A-2b Ku-Band - Miami U/L to Boston D/L**

SUMMARY of Uplink Budget				SUMMARY of Downlink Budget			
	Clear	Rain	Units		Clear	Rain	Units
<b>Terminal Location:</b>	Miami			Boston			
Site Elevation Angle	52.0		deg	32.5			deg
Site Altitude (ASL)	0.0		km	0.0			km
Frequency	13.0		GHz	11.0			GHz
Link Availability			%				%
Application Data Rate	155		Mbps	155			Mbps
<b>Station Transmitter Power</b>	100.0		W	25			W
Transmitter Pwr (dBW)	20.0		dBW	Sat. Transmit Power	14.0		dBW
Uplink Power Back-off	1		dB	Sat. HPA Backoff	0		dB
# of Amplified Carriers	1			# of Amplified Carriers	1		
Station Transmitter Losses	0.3		dBi	Transmitter Total losses	0.5		dBi
<b>Station Antenna Diameter</b>	2.50		m	Sat. Min. Ant. Gain	33.5		dBi
Station Peak Antenna Gain	48.8		dB	Total EIRP of D/L	47.0		dB
Operating EIRP per carrier	67.5		dBW	Operating EIRP/carrier	47.0		dBW
Space Loss	206.1		dB	Space Loss	205.0		dB
Atm. (Gas + Cloud) Att.	0.3		dB	Atm. (Gas + Cloud) Attenuation	0.3		dB
<b>Rain Attenuation</b>			dB	<b>Rain Attenuation</b>			dB
Pointing and Pol. Loss	0.4		dB	User Ant. Pointing Losses	0.4		dB
Sat. Antenna Gain	33.5		dB	Recvr. Antenna Gain	47.3		dB
System Noise Temp	365.1		K	System Noise Temp	94.5		K
System Noise Temp	25.6		dBK	System Noise Temp	19.8		dBK
<b>Satellite G/T</b>	7.4		dB/K	<b>Station G/T</b>	27.3		dB/K
Boltzmann's Constant	-228.6		dBW/K-Hz	Boltzmann's Constant	-228.6		dBW/K-Hz
Noise BW	83.0		dBHz	Noise BW	83.0		dBHz
C/N (Thermal)	13.7		dB	C/N (Thermal)	14.2		dB
<b>Total U/L C/I</b>	14.1			<b>Uplink Conditions</b>	clear	rain	clear
U/L C/(Io)		97.1	97.1	<b>Downlink Conditions</b>	clear	rain	clear
<b>Thermal U/L C/(No)</b>		96.7	93.8	U/L C/(No) (dB/Hz)	96.7	93.8	96.7
<b>Total D/L C/I</b>	10.1			U/L C/(Io) (dB/Hz)	97.1	97.1	97.1
D/L C/(Io)		93.1	93.1	U/L C/(No+Io) (dB/Hz)	93.9	92.1	93.9
<b>Thermal D/L C/(No)</b>		97.2	94.2	D/L C/(No) (dB/Hz)	97.2	97.2	94.2
Required Eb/No	6.5		dB	D/L C/(Io) (dB/Hz)	93.1	93.1	93.1
Effective Data Rate	174		Mbps	D/L C/(No+Io) (dB/Hz)	91.7	91.7	90.6
Data Rate (dB)	82.4		dB (bps)	Total C/(No+Io) (dB/Hz)	89.6	88.9	88.9
Required C/(No+Io)		88.9	88.9	Required C/No (dB/Hz)	88.9	88.9	88.9
				Margin (dB)	0.7	0.0	0.0





**Table A-4. Ku-Band Telemetry Link**

Parameter	Spot Antenna	Bicone Pipe	Comments
Minimum EIRP, dBW	8.0	0.0	Estimate
Path loss, dB/m <sup>2</sup>	-162.5	-162.5	40° elevation
Atmospheric absorption, dB	-0.5	-0.5	Estimate; clear sky
Isotropic areas, dB-m <sup>2</sup>	42.6	42.6	@11450 MHz
Ground station G/T, dB/K	34.9	34.9	7m antenna
Polarization mismatch, dB	0.0	0.0	
Boltzmann's constant, dBW/K-Hz	-228.6	-228.6	
Downlink C/No @ TM receiver, dB-Hz	65.9	57.9	
Minimum C/No @ TM receiver, dB-Hz	53	53	For 4 Kb/s stream
Clear weather C/No margin, dB	12.9	4.9	1.1 dB rain fade for 99.95% availability
S/No for ranging: Receiver baseband S/No, dB-Hz	60.7	52.7	
Carrier recovery: TM receiver loop bandwidth, dB-Hz	40.0	40.0	10 kHz PM demod PLL BW
Margin, dB	16.7	8.7	
Subcarrier recovery: TM receiver IF bandwidth, dB-Hz	57.0	57.0	500 kHz BW
Margin, dB	18.7	10.7	
BER			
Minimum Eb/No for 10e <sup>-6</sup> BER dB	10.5	10.5	P.E. for coherent PSK =
Margin, dB	11.6	3.6	0.5* erfc (sqrt(Eb/No))

**Table A-5. Ku-Band Command Links**

## On-Station Planar Array

Contribution	Value	Comment
Max Ground station EIRP, dBW	83.9	
Path loss, dB-m <sup>2</sup>	-162.5	7 m antenna 40° elevation
Clear sky loss, dB	-0.5	
Isotropic area, dB-m <sup>2</sup>	43.6	12750 MHz
Pointing error, dB	-0.1	
BTA gain (sum path), dB	35.0	USDBS
Polarization loss, dB	-0.1	
Path Loss to CR, dB	-16.3	Ku band; includes SSMA
Power at TCR input, dBW	-104.2	
CR command threshold, dBW	-135.0	unit spec
Command margin, dB	30.8	
Command margin with rain fade, dB	28.5	99.95% availability

## On-Station Pipe Antenna

Contribution	Value	Comment
Max Ground station EIRP, dBW	83.9	
Path loss, dB-m <sup>2</sup>	-162.5	7 m antenna 40° elevation
Clear sky loss, dB	-0.5	
Isotropic area, dB-m <sup>2</sup>	43.9	13250 MHz
Pointing error, dB	-0.1	
Pipe antenna gain (sum path), dB	4.0	on-axis (Ku band)
Polarization loss, dB	-0.1	
Path Loss to CR, dB	-6.3	
Power at TCR input, dBW	-125.5	
CR command threshold, dBW	-135.0	unit spec
Command margin, dB	9.5	
Command margin with rain fade, dB	6.9	99.95% availability

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**Appendix B**  
**Interference Analysis**

## APPENDIX B: INTERFERENCE ANALYSIS

This appendix presents interference parameters, analyses, and results for scenarios involving Expressway™ and hypothetical GSO FSS systems.

**Table B-1. Parameter List for V-band Expressway™ Interference Analysis**

LINK PARAMETER	UP LINK		DOWN LINK		UNITS
	Other GSO	Own GSO	Other GSO	Own GSO	
Orbital Separation	2		2		deg.
Signal frequency	48.7	48.7	41	41	GHz
Tx Power (Earth/Satellite)	30	30	100	100	W
Amplifier Backoff	3	3	2	2	dB
Tx Losses	1	1	1	1	dB
Number of Carriers	1	1	10	10	
Slant Range	36000	36000	36000	36000	km
Earth-Station Tx Antenna Size	2.5	2.5			m
Earth-Station Rx Antenna Size			2.5	2.5	m
Earth-Station Tx Ant. Peak Gain	59.5	59.5			dBi
Earth-Station Rx Ant. Peak Gain			58.0	58.0	dBi
Satellite Tx Ant. Peak Gain			52	52	dBi
Satellite Rx Ant. Peak Gain	52	52			dBi
Signal Bandwidth	285	285	285	285	MHz
Rx Noise Temperature	650	650	460	460	°K

**Table B-2. Parameter List for Ku-band (1° X 3° Beam) Interference Analysis**

LINK PARAMETER	UP LINK		DOWN LINK		UNITS
	Other GSO	Own GSO	Other GSO	Own GSO	
Orbital Separation	2		2		deg.
Signal frequency	13	13	11	11	GHz
Tx Power (Earth/Satellite)	50	100	35	25	W
Amplifier Backoff	0	0	0	0	dB
Tx Losses	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	dB
Number of Carriers	1	1	1	1	
Slant Range	36000	36000	36000	36000	km
Earth-Station Tx Antenna Size	5	2.5			m
Earth-Station Rx Antenna Size			3	2.5	m
Earth-Station Tx Ant. Peak Gain	54.8	48.8			dBi
Earth-Station Rx Ant. Peak Gain			49.2	47.5	dBi
Satellite Tx Ant. Peak Gain			37	37	dBi
Satellite Rx Ant. Peak Gain	37	37			dBi
Signal Bandwidth	30	240	30	240	MHz
Rx Noise Temperature	1500	365	200	73	°K